

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

<b>1. DATE</b> 21 August 1956	<b>2. LOCATION</b> (near) Hamilton, California	<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b>		
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local _____ GMT 21/1935Z	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b> Military			
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> ten minutes	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> one	<b>9. COURSE</b> westerly		
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> One round clear silver object, size of dime at arm's length. Obj initially sighted air-visualy at approx 20,000 ft altitude at 38.10N 123W. Obj was near contrail of a B-47. Obj's flight path was straight & climbing. Observers attempted intercept action & obj appeared to be between interceptor & contrail & under contrail. This led pilot to believe obj was close & he initiated maximum performance of a/c. A/C was climbing at 250kts but obj appeared to pull away & up. Obj viewed a/v for approx 10 min & still visible when intercepting a/c returned to base for fuel. Last sighting at 38.18N 123.20W.			<b>11. COMMENTS</b> Balloon launched from Vernalis, Cal. on 21/1432Z. From the Vernalis balloon chart rpt, the balloon estimated to be in area of sighting at time. Size, shape, ascending, westerly course are characteristics of balloon sighting.	

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52) to base for fuel. Last sighting at 38.18N 123.20W.

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(UNCLASSIFIED) 280ID \_\_\_\_\_. UFOB PD (1)(a) ROUND PD (1)(b) DIME  
 PD (1)(c) CLEAR SILVER PD (1)(d) ONE PD (1)(e) N/A PD (1)(f) NONE PD (1)(g)  
 NONE PD (1)(h) NONE PD (1)(i) NONE PD (2)(a) OBSERVED BY RADAR OBSERVER IN  
 F-89D AT 20,000 FT ON HEADING OF 180 DEGREES PD UFOB WAS NEAR CONTRAIL OF B-47 PD  
 (2)(b) FROM COCKPIT 90 DEGREES ON STARBOARD PD ELEVATION ANGLE 45 DEGREES PD  
 (2)(c) APPROXIMATELY SAME PD (2)(d) STRAIGHT AND CLIMBING PD (2)(e) INTERCEPTOR  
 AIRCRAFT LOW ON FUEL AND RETURNED TO BASE PD (2)(f) TEN MINUTES PD (3)(a)  
 AIR-VISUAL PD RADAR INOPERATIVE ON F-89D PD (3)(b) NONE PD (3)(c) F-89D CMA  
 678 CMA 20,000 FT CMA 180 DEGREES CMA 250 IAS CMA 84TH FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQDN  
 CMA HAMILTON AFB CALIF PD (4)(a) 211935Z AUG 56 PD (4)(b) DAY PD (5)  
 FIRST SIGHTING: 38 DEGREES 10 MINUTES NORTH CMA 123 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST PD  
 LAST SIGHTING: 38 DEGREES 10 MINUTES NORTH CMA 123 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST PD

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TO:

(6)(a) N/A PD (6)(b) ROBERT C MORELLI CMA 2/LT CMA 84TH FIS CMA PILOT PD  
 JOHN W CURTIS CMA 2/LT CMA 84TH FIS CMA RADAR OBSERVER PD BOTH OFFICERS  
 USUALLY RELIABLE PD (7)(a) CLEAR WITH THIN CIRRUS AT 35,000 FT PD (7)(b)  
 5,000 - 200/10 PD 10,000 - 200/15 PD 20,000 - 210/25 PD 30,000 - 210/35 PD  
 40,000 - 210/45 PD 45,000 - 210/45 PD (7)(c) UNLIMITED PD (7)(d) UNLIMITED  
 PD (7)(e) THIN CIRRUS AT 35,000 FT PD (7)(f) NONE PD (8) POSSIBLE BALLOON OF  
 SOME SORT PD (9) UFOB FIRST NOTICED NEAR CONTRAIL OF B-47 APPROX 2 MI TO REAR  
 OF ACFT PD OBSERVED FOR APPROX 1 MIN CMA THE PILOT WENT FOR A CLOSER LOOK AND THE  
 UFOB APPEARED TO GO BETWEEN INTERCEPTOR AND CONTRAIL AND UNDER CONTRAIL PD THIS  
 LED PILOT TO BELIEVE UFOB WAS CLOSE AND HE INITIATED MAX PERF OF ACFT TO INTCP  
 ON HEADING OF 270 DEGREES PD IAS WAS 250 KTS CLIMBING BUT OBJECT APPEARED TO  
 PULL AWAY AND UP PD (10) ONE B-47 HEADING 180 DEGREES AT 35-40,000 FT PD (11)  
 DIR OF INTEL CMA 28TH AIR DIV DEF CMA UFOB ESTIMATED TO BE POSSIBLE BALLOON  
 PD WEATHER STATES NO BALLOONS RELEASED IN THIS AREA AT APPROX TIME OF SIGHTING  
 PD POSSIBILITY OF UNIVERSITY OR AIR FORCE DEMONSTRATION ELSEWHERE THAT MNY  
 HAVE RELEASED A BALLOON PD (12) NONE PD ADDL REMARKS - WHEN FUEL BECAME LOW AND

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CHASE FUTILE CMA PILOT TURNED TOWARD HOME BASE PD ON HEADING OF 360 DEGREES CMA THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BECOME LARGER PD PILOT BELIEVES CANOPY MAGNIFIED OBJECT PD NO MORE SIGHTINGS MADE PD IN GENERAL CMA THE UFOB APPEARED ON HEADING OF 270 DEGREES PD PILOT BELIEVES UFOB REMAINED AT SAME ALTITUDE AND RADAR OBSERVER BELIEVES IT WAS CLIMBING PD

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